

**September
29**

**John
9**

**Will You
Receive
Sight,
or Remain
Blind?**

Background:

Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus' disciples asked whose sin, the man or his parents, caused the blindness. Jesus answered that neither he nor his parents were at fault but rather the blindness had a spiritual purpose. It was so God would be made known to others

within the man's life.

Jesus made a dirt-saliva mixture, anointed the blind man's eyes, and told him to wash in a particular water source.

The man did so and returned with vision. People were confused and speculated about the man's identity and what happened to him.

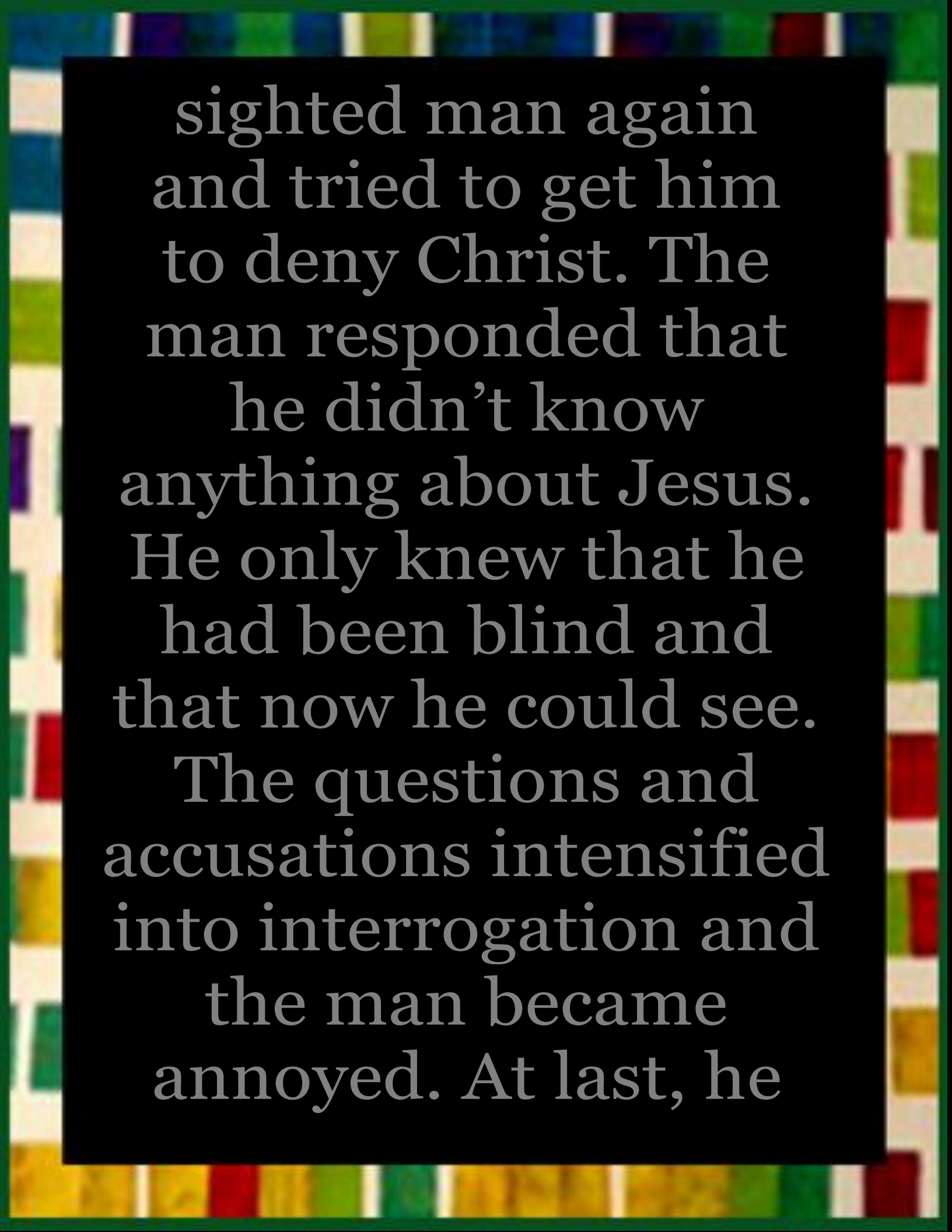
When they asked him, he told them exactly what occurred, saying he didn't know where the person was who gave him the instructions. The people took the newly-seeing man to the Pharisees where he was questioned more. There was more uncertainty. This time, the main issue was that there

was a healing on the
Sabbath day.

There was division
and debate over
whether the man was a
vicious sinner for being
healed on the Sabbath
or the product of a
miracle. They even
wanted to deny the
validity of the former
blindness and
questioned the man's

parents. Afraid of being put out of the synagogue (for confessing Jesus as Christ), they only confirmed their son's identity and condition of blindness from birth. They referred the question of healing back to their son.

The Pharisees questioned the newly-



sighted man again
and tried to get him
to deny Christ. The
man responded that
he didn't know
anything about Jesus.
He only knew that he
had been blind and
that now he could see.

The questions and
accusations intensified
into interrogation and
the man became
annoyed. At last, he

sarcastically asked
them if they wanted
to know so they
could become
Jesus' disciples.

They accused him of
being Christ's disciple
and said they accepted
Moses' authority, but
not Jesus'. The man
replied: Well, that's
amazing. You don't
know Jesus but he

opened my eyes. We know God doesn't hear sinners but only hears those who worship him. No one has ever heard of someone healing a person who was BORN blind. So, if this man were not of God, he couldn't do anything. Greatly offended, the Pharisees insulted him and threw him out of their synagogue.

**35 Jesus heard
that they had
cast him out;
and when he
had found him,
he said unto
him, **Dost
thou believe
on the Son
of God?****

**36 He answered
and said, Who
is he, Lord, that
I might believe**

on him?

³⁷ And Jesus
said unto him,
**Thou hast both
seen him, and
it is he that
talketh with thee.**

³⁸ And he said,
Lord, I believe.

And he
worshipped
him.

³⁹ And Jesus
said, **For**

**judgment I
am come into
this world, that
they which
see not might see;
and that they
which see might
be made blind.**

**⁴⁰ And some of
the Pharisees
which were with
him heard these
words, and said
unto him, Are**

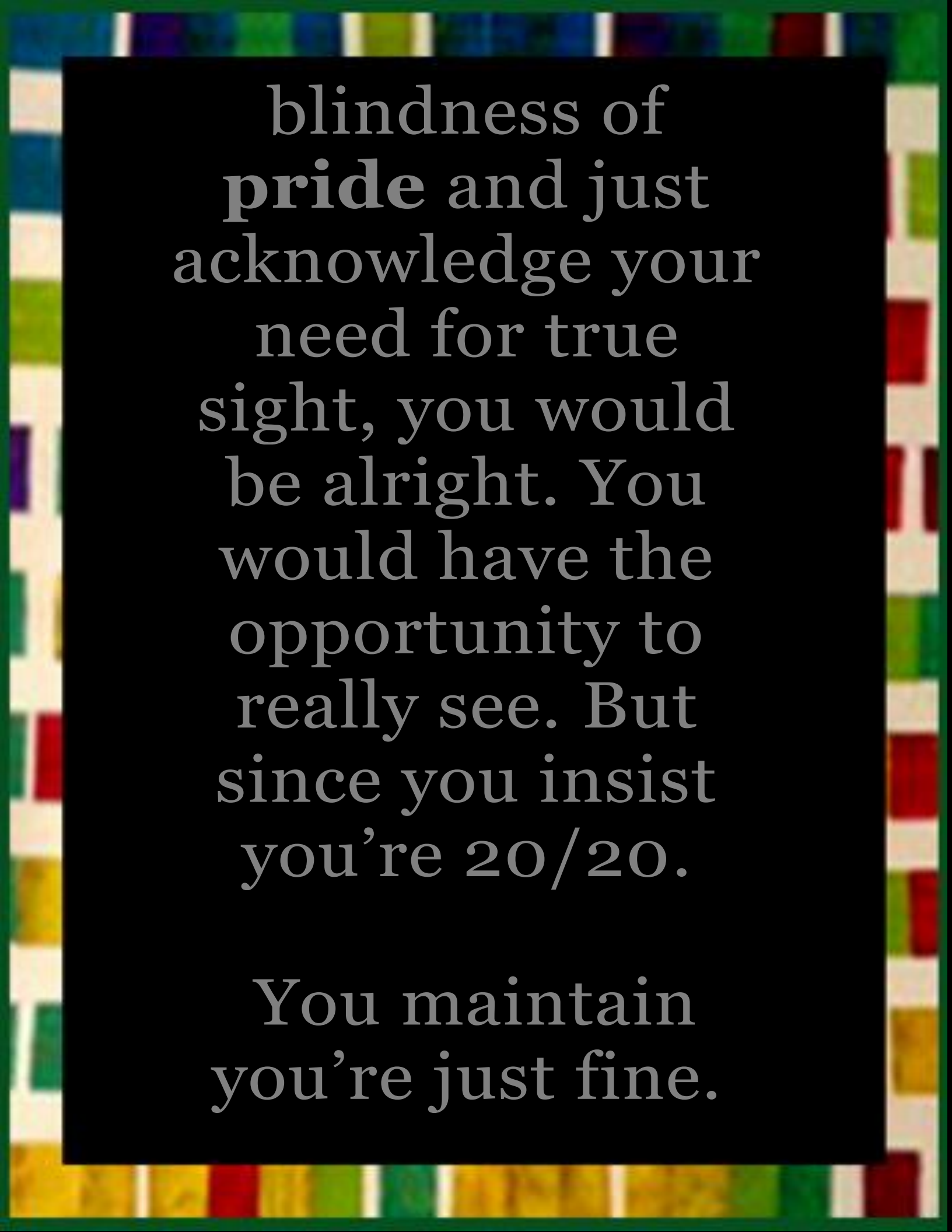
we blind also?

**41 Jesus said unto
them, If ye were
blind, ye should
have no sin: but
now ye say, We
see; therefore
your sin
remaineth.**

Jesus was saying:
This is the judgment
I'm here to execute.
It's to expose spiritual
blindness and to
give spiritual sight.

To the Pharisees
(and like-minded
people of any time-
period), Jesus said:

If you would stop
your **sinful**



blindness of
pride and just
acknowledge your
need for true
sight, you would
be alright. You
would have the
opportunity to
really see. But
since you insist
you're 20/20.

You maintain
you're just fine.

You *say* you see
well. Stay that
way.

Stay **blind!**

ONE *A* DAY

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